

International Adoption

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Azerbaijan Suspends Adoptions, May 5, 2004

The Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Azerbaijan has informed the U.S. Embassy in Baku that they have put a temporary hold on adoptions pending the results of an ongoing investigation, which they expect to conclude in the very near future. They have not provided a specific timetable, or speculated on what the results of the investigation will be. The Embassy will continue to press Azerbaijani officials for a swift resolution to the investigation.

The Embassy continues to remain intensely engaged with the Government of Azerbaijan about international adoption. Embassy officials have urged the Deputy Foreign Minister, Adoption Commission Officials, the Prosecutor's Office, and members of Parliament for a swift resolution of all pending cases, stressing that delays are not in the best interests of children and their waiting families.

Adoptive families who have accepted a referral of an Azerbaijani orphan are asked to [contact the Office of Children's Issues](mailto:askci@state.gov) at askci@state.gov.

We will continue to encourage the Azerbaijani Government to resume international adoptions as soon as possible.

This site will be updated as new information becomes available.

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